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4. (Amended) A strip according to claim 1, whereby said primer layer comprises a hot melt.

7. (Amended) A strip according to claim 1, whereby said thermoplastic material is polyvinylchloride.

8. (Amended) A strip according to claim 1, whereby said thermoplastic material is a polyvinylchloride compound.

9. (Amended) A strip according to claim 1, whereby said metal member is a flat wire with a tensile strength greater than 1500 N/mm².

10. (Amended) A strip according to claim 1, whereby said metal member is a flat wire with a tensile strength greater than 1700 N/mm².

11. (Amended) A strip according to claim 1, whereby said metal member is a flat wire with a thickness of less than 0.35 mm.

12. (Amended) A strip according to claim 1, whereby said metal member is a wire with a rounded I-profile.

13. (Amended) A strip according to claim 1, whereby said metal member is a steel wire with a carbon content of at least 0.40%.

14. (Amended) A strip according to claim 1, whereby said metal member comprises at least two metal members.

15. (Amended) A strip according to claim 14, whereby the metal members are located parallel in the plane of the strip, each metal member being in contact with at least one other metal member.

16. (Amended) A strip according to claim 1, whereby the metal member is coated with a zinc layer or with a zinc alloy layer.

17. (Amended) A fabric (10) for reinforcement of canvasses having a plastic coating, said fabric comprising a warp (12) and a weft (14), at least one of the warp or the weft being formed by a strip according to claim 1.

19. (Amended) Use of a strip according to claim 1, for reinforcement of a canvass.

20. (Amended) Use of a fabric according to claim 17 for reinforcement of a canvass.

Applicants respectfully request that the foregoing amendments to Claims 2-4, 7-17, 19 and 20, be entered in order to avoid this application incurring a surcharge for the presence of one or more multiple dependent claims.

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